

Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee Meeting
January 17, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Caren Wilson, Marga Stone, Talia Toller, James Laidler

Members Absent: Rich Higgins, Patricia Kepler (excused), Mary Guptil (excused), Missy Kirkland (excused), Peter Barker.

Guests: None

Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes: There were no minutes from the December 20, 2012 meeting.

Committee Liaisons: None.

Reports: None.

Old Business:

- **City Taxi Service for Persons with Disabilities.** Marga took the list of taxi companies and offered to review the list to eliminate duplications. The list may be used to send information about ADA rules and responsibilities of taxi companies and service to person with disabilities.
- **Art Show for Persons with Disabilities.** Caren provide a draft copy of a flyer to be sent to the School District liaison for approval, and then on to teachers within the schools. Caren asked for comments and suggestions. Members provide feedback and suggestions on the flyer. Additional discussion took place on issues of permission slips and guidelines for show participants.

New Business:

- **Welcome New Committee Members.** Caren welcomed the new members to the Committee and provided a list of accomplishments from 2011, a copy of the Committee mission statement and a flyer for the upcoming Mayor's State of the City Address. Caren volunteered to prepare a list of 2012 accomplishments.

- **Select New Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for 2013.** With the small number in attendance, Jim made a motion to table action on this item until the February meeting. Marga seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- **911 Calls and With Persons with Mental Health Issues.** Through an e-mail, Patricia Kepler reported on a recent event involving an individual where the Beaverton police were called to a residence because of a domestic dispute. Upon learning that one of the participants had threatened suicide the weekend before they handcuffed that individual and took them to the hospital for treatment. The person was apparently willing to go with the police to the hospital and asked if they could do it without handcuffs. The officer responded that protocol required they be handcuffed. This raised a concern of being a deterrent for persons seeking assistance. Patricia asked if Brad would inquire about police procedures in these type circumstances. The Police Department responded to Brad's inquiry that they do require that officer's use handcuffs when transporting anyone in custody. This includes protective custody situations like the one described above. While this may seem a bit harsh and perhaps embarrassing to the family and individual in handcuffs, the purpose is to protect both the officers and the individual. In a protective custody situation the officer would be under the belief that the person is a danger to themselves or others. The situation included two of the most dangerous calls for service for first responders (a domestic disturbance and potentially suicidal individual). The most challenging part for the responding officers is that they do not know what to expect and as such, they try to be as careful as possible.
- **ADA Resource Guide.** The idea of soliciting sponsors for supporting the Committee was discussed, with the thought that sponsors could be listed on publications such as the ADA Resource Guide. Since the CDAC is a City Committee, private business sponsorship and advertisement is not likely allowed. Seeking sponsors from non-profit organizations (Elks, Lions, Shriners, etc...) was suggested. Further discussion on this issue was proposed for future meeting. Brad will provide a link to the ADA resource guide for the new members.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2013

